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COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

**RESEARCH PROJECT MANAGER
(6 MONTHS FIXED TERM)
SCHOOL OF LABORATORY MEDICINE AND MEDICAL SCIENCES
REF. NO.: T/LMMS05/2022**

The purpose is to lead the research team to complete research project tasks within allocated timelines and budgets, address research projects needs and escalate complex issues to the Project PI. Further, to perform the day to day management of the research project team and address any team issues promptly, report research project status and issues if any to the project PI, prepare project documentation and research reports for the project PI and SAMRC work with Project PI to prepare project plan, budget and schedules, conduct team meetings to discuss post graduate research projects status and issues and monitor research projects regularly and report same to the PI.

Minimum Requirements:

- All applicants must have a PhD in Immunology or Medical Microbiology or Biochemistry
- At least 2 years research experience
- Evidence of successful supervision of Masters and/or Ph.D. postgraduates.
- Ability to manage the day-to-day activities of the research project including the following: Plan and delegate tasks to all team members including laboratory and field teams and lead the laboratory aspects of the project, including molecular immunology and genetic lab work.
- Demonstrated research experience (at least two years) in: (i) parasitology, (ii) immunology of co-infections (helminths co-infections with other pathogens), (iii) single nucleotide detection, and (iv) genetics and epigenetics (microRNAs and DNA methylation studies).
- Experience in writing BREC applications, research progress reports, and research budget reports for research funding agencies.
- A minimum of fifteen publications in ISI/SAPSE accredited journals, as well as evidence of publication in high impact factor journals (Q1 journals). The published papers must adequately demonstrate skills in immunology of parasitology/co-infections, single nucleotide polymorphism detection, DNA methylation, and microRNAs.

The total remuneration package offered does not includes benefits. This position is funded by the SAMRC grant, and is dependent on the availability of such funds. The appointment will be on the 2018 Conditions of Service.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 1st August 2022 The University, however, reserves the right to accept late applications or extend the above date in order to facilitate further searches. The University reserves the right not to make any appointment.

Applicants are required to complete the relevant application form which is available on the Vacancies website at www.ukzn.ac.za Completed forms may be sent to Recruitment-chs@ukzn.ac.za

Advert Reference Number MUST be clearly stated in the subject line. Enquiries regarding the post may be addressed to the PI- Prof Mkhize-Kwitshana @ mkhizekwitshanaz@ukzn.ac.za